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North Pima Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First North Pima Regional Partnership Council was held on February 15, 2013 at Marana Health Center-Community Room, 13395 Marana Main Street, Marana, Arizona 85653.

Chair Scott Ingram welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Members Present:

Gillian Needham, Jill Rosenzweig, Scott Ingram, Naomi Karp, Esther Capin (telephonic), Sherri Rosalik (telephonic), Annabel Ratley, Eliza Holland, and Amber Jones

Members Absent:

All present.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2013 North Pima Regional Partnership Council Meeting

A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley that the North Pima Regional Partnership Council accept the meeting minutes, seconded by member Amber Jones. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

Pattie Montijo, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Ms. Montijo gave an update on programs in the North Pima region. There's currently a lending library available for child care providers. Also, with funding from Stone Canyon Community Foundation the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is available for children ages 0-5 in Catalina. Parent Connection conducts a Stay and Play in Oro Valley at Canyon Del Oro High School. The Early Childhood Partnership of North Pima meets monthly and provides professional development opportunities for child care providers. There are also professional development opportunities for family child care providers through Great Expectations, a professional development program funded by First Things First at United Way..

Nancy Ortiz, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Ms. Ortiz gave an update about Great Expectations Community of Practice, Muévete Muévete, in the North Pima region. The Community of Practice serves family child care providers. The providers have been meeting monthly since August 2012, but attendance has been inconsistent. They have made several efforts (mailed post cards, had guest speakers, polled providers about a convenient location/time) to increase attendance.

Jessica Brisson, First Things First

Ms. Brisson shared information on behalf of Central Pima Regional Partnership Council regarding a system issue related to the difficulty early childhood teachers are experiencing when attempting to access Professional Career Pathways Scholarships. This issue is most likely affecting the North Pima region as well. In an effort to resolve

these issues staff has met with partnerships such as United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and invites the North Pima Regional Council to be involved.

Jordana Saletan, Smart Support

Ms. Saletan gave an update about Smart Support in the North Pima region. Currently there are 7 child care centers and 2 family child care providers in the program and a number of programs on the waitlist. Ms. Saletan shared a success story with the Regional Council about a teacher that is involved in Smart Support.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action: Selection of 2014 Needs and Assets Report Vendor

Chair Scott Ingram and Michelle MacDonald, Regional Director, gave an overview of the Needs and Assets vendor process. The North Pima Needs and Assets 2010 and 2012 reports were conducted by Donelson Consulting. A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley to continue with Donelson Consultants as the vendor of the Needs and Assets report for 2014, seconded by member Jill Rosenzweig. Motion carried.

V. Presentation from First Things First Chief Executive Officer

Rhian Evans Allvin, Chief Executive Officer, recognized Member Eliza Holland for one year of service with First Things First. Ms. Allvin first informed the Regional Council about the recommendations of the National Research and Evaluation Panel to the First Things First Board. She then provided updates on the taskforces created for Public/Private Partnerships as well as the regional boundaries, and legislative updates. Lastly, Ms. Allvin spoke about the sustainability and program changes to Quality First.

VI. February 7, 2013 Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting Update

Chair Scott Ingram shared information and highlights from the Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting that took place on February 7, 2013 in Phoenix. The following items were discussed during the meeting: benchmarking, Quality First scholarships, building public private partnerships, and collaborations in other regions across the state.

VII. Presentation on Community Outreach Activities in Pima County

Lisette DeMars, Community Outreach Consultant, gave an overview of the First Things First Communication Plan for fiscal years 2014-2017. She also updated the Regional Council about recent outreach activities.

VIII. System Building Conversation

Without objection, Chair Scott Ingram tabled this agenda item until the next North Pima Regional Council Regular Meeting.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action: Cancellation of March North Pima Regional Council Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gillian Needham to cancel the March North Pima Regional Council Meeting and reconvene in April, seconded by member Sherri Rosalik. Motion carried.

X. Regional Director's Report

Ms. MacDonald shared First Things First highlights and reviewed the expenditure report, narrative summary, First Things First Board Meeting update, and Quality First update included in the meeting packet.

XI. General Discussion

None.

XII. Call to the Public

None.

XIII. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next regular North Pima Regional Partnership Council meeting will be on Friday, April 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at location to be determined.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by member Jill Rosenzweig to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Gillian Needham. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Scott Ingram adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:02 p.m.

Submitted By _____

Approved By _____

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

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